

## PUBLIC TURNS TO BULLER.

HIS FRIENDS MAKING HIM OUT A HERO AND A MARTYR.

Campaign in Dismissed General's Favor May Force the Government to Reveal the Whole Story of the Disastrous Natal Campaign—Buller Keeps Silence.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—It would be impossible to exaggerate the intensity of the feeling aroused by the announcement on last Wednesday of Gen. Buller's death from the command of the First Army Corps and his retirement on half pay. Unanimous as was the condemnation of his appointment to the command of this corps, and scathing as were the denunciations of his extraordinary speech by practically the entire press, the news of his death has brought to light a great host of his friends who declare that he is a martyr to an intrigue second only to that of the Dreyfus case. One of the strangest things of this controversy is that Gen. Buller's advocates, numerous as they are, and including as they do, people of every class, from Lord Wolseley, who, of course, is silent, and many officers of the army down to the bulk of the rank and file of the army, and practically the entire west country peasantry, are without any weighty support in the press in London. Only three morning papers in London, and they are of the least importance, support the dismissed general and they do so entirely for the sake of making party capital out of it against Secretary of War Brodrick and the Government.

At the same time it is recognized on all hands that the controversy may possibly develop a serious aspect, and it will be almost the first step to demand the attention of both houses when Parliament reassembles. The seriousness with which the leaders of both parties regard the matter may be judged by the fact that neither Colonial Secretary Chamberlain nor Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman have ventured to allude to it.

Sir Redvers Buller's most angry but least responsible friends declare that he is the victim of the Cecil Rhodes-Hell party, who have forced the Government to depose a man who has opposed and belittled them in South Africa. Others accuse Earl Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, of taking off the head of the most important of the "Wolseley Gang." The greatest number, perhaps, think that Secretary of War Brodrick, alarmed at the outcry against the appointment of Gen. Buller, made the speech of the latter an excuse for dismissing him in order to save himself.

Whatever reasons they advance there is no question but that Gen. Buller's friends have made him a great popular hero. Demonstrations have been made in the music halls, in one of which in London even Earl Roberts's picture on the bioscope calls forth a few hisses. At meetings which have been held all over the country there have been expressions of confidence and sympathy with Gen. Buller and many suggestions have been made with a similar object, such as a monster meeting in Hyde Park, a petition to the King, the national presentation of a sword of honor, &c. Nothing more clearly indicates the strength of public feeling for Sir Redvers Buller than the fact that in some papers in the country and in four London papers, insignificant though they are, Earl Roberts, the universal idol, has been openly attacked and his work in South Africa belittled in comparison with Buller's Natal campaign.

Since his speech at Aldershot, Gen. Buller has come to London and very wisely kept silent, not showing himself in public. His best friends are endeavoring to persuade him to maintain this course, for in spite of popular clamor it must be said that the judgment of responsible thinkers and writers upholds the dismissal, although Mr. Brodrick's mistake in making the appointment to a great extent embarrasses them in supporting him. They, in common with the Government, hope that the excitement will blow over. But should Sir Redvers Buller be unwise enough to allow his partisans to press his grievances too hard it will certainly result in revelations which must cause a revolution of feeling among those who have hitherto worshipped him as a hero.

The whole story of Gen. Buller's Natal campaign has not yet been fully exposed to the public, but it will be laid bare mercilessly if the Government should find any marked disposition among its followers in the House of Commons to take sides against Earl Roberts. The ultimate effect may be that the British army will sustain a rude shock, but undoubtedly Sir Redvers Buller's own splendid earlier record will be irrevocably tarnished.

## YOUNG CAPE COLONY REBELS.

A Number of Them Take the Field, but Are Said to Be Doing Little Damage.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PRETORIA, Oct. 26.—Of late a number of young Cape rebels have taken the field in the western province, but most of them are unarmed. They roam about the desolate country in the west and northwest portions of the colony, doing little damage and taking good care to avoid the British columns.

The situation in the Cape Colony has greatly improved.

## Chasing the Boers.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MATIESPOORT, Cape Colony, Oct. 24.—Col. Scottell, after chasing the Boers under Commandant Struys almost day and night for two weeks, eventually drove them to the north. Gen. Knox's column arrived at Beaufort West on Sunday to find it in a new moving army. Commandant Scheepers, who was captured recently and taken to the hospital at Beaufort West, is progressing favorably.

## "The Sentimentalist" in London.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Charles Frohman presented Henry V. Demarest's four-act play "The Sentimentalist" at the Duke of York's Theatre tonight. Mr. Lewis Waller had the title role and Miss Marion Denison was the heroine. The well-known subject of the play was what should it befit a man to gain the whole world if he loses a true love. There was a lack of novelty in the situations and the dialogue was often commonplace. The audience seemed continually grateful for the smallest comic relief.

## Lord Russell's Relatives' Death.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—In regard to the appointment of Horace J. Smith, of Philadelphia, one of the Hon. Bertie Russell, to the United States immigration authorities, the exclusion of Earl Russell under the statute prohibiting the admission of non-political persons, it is stated by the Earl's relatives here that they did not investigate the move, as has been reported. The Hon. Bertie Russell and his wife particularly repudiate any connection with their uncle's move.

## WILL URGE COURT TO HURRY.

Prince Ching to Go to Kailang-fu for That Purpose.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PEKING, Oct. 26.—Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister, left here to-day on the cruiser Blenheim for Shanghai and Hong Kong on a month's leave of absence. Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, the German Minister, has gone to Kiao-chiao for three weeks.

Prince Ching, one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries and the Governor of Peking, will leave here on Oct. 31 for Kailang-fu, the next stopping place of the court on its way to Peking. At this point he will meet Chang-Chih Tung, one of the southern Victorians now in favor with the court. A council of state will be held and it is understood that the Emperor and Empress Dowager will be urged to continue their journey to Peking as rapidly as possible.

Negotiations are proceeding between Li Hung Chang and M. Paul Lesnar, the Russian Minister here, in regard to the reversion to China of the railway and certain districts in Manchuria.

Aside from this, no important events are expected before the time the court is to leave Kailang-fu. Prince Ching will be unable to carry out the wishes of the Ministers and the court in regard to the reception of the latter body when it arrives here. Prince Ching will deliver the seals of the Foreign Office to Li Hung Chang the day before he leaves here. Earl Li has been designated as an Imperial edict as a substitute for Prince Ching during his absence. Li Hung Chang will meet the court at Chengting-fu if his present strength continues and enables him to travel by rail. In the meantime, it is supposed that Prince Ching will return and thus enable Li Hung Chang to make the visit. It is necessary for one of the plenipotentiaries to remain here.

## ITALIAN PRINCE ACCUSED.

To Be Prosecuted for Selling Art Treasures to France.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Oct. 26.—Another art scandal affecting a member of the Italian aristocracy is much commented on here. Prince Barberis is summoned to appear on Nov. 26 to be prosecuted under the Pavesi law on a charge of selling medieval masterpieces outside of the Kingdom of Italy.

The works which are alleged to have been thus removed are an ivory registry and a triptych, which, it is said, have been sold indirectly to the Louvre in Paris. The discovery was made by officials in the Italian Art Department, who noticed that objects appearing in the Louvre catalogue had once been the property of the Barberis family.

Princes of the house of Sforza, Borghese and Chigi have already been prosecuted under the Pavesi law, which gives the Italian Government the right of preemption, to secure which notice of intended sale is obligatory. If the Government does not exercise its right it levies a tax of 10 per cent. on the money given for the treasures.

## American Girl's Success in Berlin.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—The fifteen-year-old pianist, Alma Stenell of California, made her debut before a critical Berlin audience to-night and achieved a great success. There was a large audience present. Among the number were Mrs. White, the wife of the American Ambassador to Germany, the Belgian Ambassador and his wife and many Americans. The young pianist will probably visit the United States next January.

## Pope Discusses Situation in France.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Oct. 26.—Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of Paris, had a long interview with Pope Pius X. in regard to the exodus of the various congregations from France and the present political situation in that country. Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State, was present. Afterward Cardinals Rampolla and Richard discussed the situation in France.

## Railway Rights in Yunnan.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has submitted to the Cabinet a convention with China in regard to the railway in the province of Yunnan, over which line, contrary to certain reports, China does not claim control, surveillance or property rights. China has virtually accepted the convention.

## WHITEMAN ASKS FOR MERCY.

Mother of the Swindler Also Pleads in Court for His Release.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BOSTON, Oct. 26.—Alonso J. Whiteman, former Senator in the State of Minnesota, stood on the witness stand before Judge Bell in the Superior Criminal Court yesterday pleading with the court to have him released on his own recognizance. Whiteman was indicted for forgery by the Suffolk Grand Jury, but he pleaded guilty of larceny in one count, involving the taking of \$650 from William Hunt, a banker.

Whiteman's mother, who said she was 78 years old and had come from Danville, N. Y., to save her son, promised to pay the sum taken. She was alone in the world, she said, with no companion on the old farm at Danville, which was left her by her husband, and she wanted the court to let her son go back with her.

"Oh, your Honor, I ask for clemency and mercy," she exclaimed, arising from the chair placed there for her comfort by the direction of Judge Hall. "I have talked with my boy and he has promised faithfully to change. I know he is sincere. At last he sees himself in the true light and he is a changed man. Give him a chance, sir, beg of you."

Judge Bell inquired if restitution had been made to Mr. Hunt. Counsel for the prisoner said that the money had not yet been paid, but that everything was in readiness for such payment. His Honor asked the mother of the swindler if she would have much weight with him in passing sentence, and she so desired to delay disposition of the case on that account.

## Gen. Joseph MacDonald Dead.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 26.—Gen. Joseph MacDonald of Ebersburg, Cambria county, Pa., was found dead in bed at the residence of his son-in-law here this morning. He was 80 years old. He was appointed a Brigadier-General in the United States Army from now on until election day shall be active in aiding to elect our district.

## Notable Examples In Furniture.

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## KING SHOWS HIS LOVE OF POMP.

EDWARD'S REIGN WILL BE A BRILLIANT ONE.

Royal Display New Though the Court is in Mourning—Plans to Welcome the Returning Duke and Duchess—Improvements in the Royal Residences.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—King Edward VII.'s love of pomp and the circumstances of royalty, upon which London tradesmen confidently count for profitable seasons so soon as the period of official mourning for the late Queen Victoria terminates, two months from now, has already been well indicated. Ever since the proclamation of the King's accession at Westminster Abbey and in spite of the fact that the court is still in mourning, the subjects of Edward VII. have witnessed the outward signs of the existence of a royal court to which they had been strangers for many years. The arrivals and departures of King Edward and Queen Alexandra are now always marked in the capital with a considerable amount of that spectacular ceremonial so dear to Londoners. Military guards of honor in full dress uniform, equines in attendance, splendid carriages drawn by the magnificent bays for which the royal stables are so famous, have been constantly in evidence.

The State and court officials, who in the late years of Queen Victoria's reign enjoyed a practical seclusion, have now to be on the "vire." On the occasion of the King's last visit but one to London a telegram arrived here early in the morning commanding the attendance of two officials within an hour of the King's arrival. Both were out of town. They had been accustomed to lengthy notice whenever Queen Victoria made one of her rare visits to her capital and had not realized the possibility of being called to duty at a moment's notice. With this feeling they felt that they could safely be overlooking their fault gave it to be clearly understood that it must not happen again.

In keeping with this revival of royal state are the alterations and improvements which have already been carried out or are now proceeding at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace. Electric light systems have been installed in both residences. The state apartments are being refurbished and re-decorated; elevators and other modern conveniences are in progress of installation. Two new wings at Windsor are being extensively altered. Lawn tennis and cricket spaces will be laid down.

The latest example of King Edward's desire to keep the spectacular and ceremonial side of sovereignty before the eyes of his people is to be seen in the eagerness with which he is promoting a big public demonstration on the occasion of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall's coming on Saturday next. Their departure, following so soon after Queen Victoria's death, was naturally taken in the quietest manner, and their return, which still occurs within the period of court mourning, was originally also intended to be quite informal. The Duke and Duchess were to land without ceremony and proceed straight home, but in the last few days the King has determined to celebrate the end of the colonial tour in keeping with the whole journey. Hence his hurried resolve to despatch a naval squadron to sea to meet the home comers, and the extensive military and naval preparations at Portsmouth, which are now in full swing.

At London, too, arrangements are on foot for an imposing reception. The programme includes the presentation of addresses from the Colonial Agents-General and the city of Westminster on the arrival of the Duke and Duchess at Victoria station, outside of which a guard of honor will be posted. Inside the Captains of the escort with the royal standard will be in attendance, as well as the Commander-in-Chief with the army headquarters staff in dress order. Troops will line the whole route from the station to Marlborough House, where another guard of honor will be posted. A royal salute will be fired in St. James Park when the arrival of the train at the station is signalled. There is some probability of the Duke and Duchess visiting the Lord Mayor in the city on the following Monday, but this is not yet definitely settled.

The chief cause of King Edward's giving his subjects more frequent opportunities of publicly demonstrating their appreciation is the continued anxiety of the police for his safety. When the King and Queen arrived in London from Scotland a strictly limited number of reporters were allowed on the station platform, which was strongly barred and guarded against any intrusion of the general public. The admitted ones had to be supplied with special passes, letters of credence and proofs of identity, which were carefully examined by the police. All these precautions were unheard of until recently. It is now known that the whole line from Scotland to London was patrolled by men each within the hearing of his neighbor.

## TO ELECT FUSION ALDERMEN.

Mr. Fornes Expects a Majority of Seven in the Next Board.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

CHARLES V. Fornes, the fusion candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, said yesterday that he had received a number of inquiries with reference to the probability of electing an Anti-Tammany Board of Aldermen, and some of these inquiries, according to Mr. Fornes, feared that the district candidates will be neglected for the benefit of the general ticket. After making an investigation Mr. Fornes issued a statement in which he said:

"If this be so I fail to find it out. All the reports thus far received indicate that just as hard work is being done for members of the board as for the other places on the ticket. It is realized by us and should be by all the voters that it is essential in the carrying out of Anti-Tammany policies that Mr. Low should have a board that will support him."

"I confidently expect that we shall elect a majority of the board and by electoral majorities. I do not believe that Tammany in the present state of public feeling can elect a majority of its Aldermanic nominees. The present situation would seem to indicate a fusion majority of seven in the next Board of Aldermen. I am giving almost all of my time to work in the district and from now on until election day shall be active in aiding to elect our district."

## BRYAN, HAVE YOU YIELDED?

Bryan League Asks Him by Telegram If He's for Shepard.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

The Bryan Democratic League, which dragged from Squire Croker's man Edward M. Shepard the statement that he did not believe that the Chicago and Kansas City platforms were concerned in the municipal campaign, and which because he refused to endorse the platform desired to oppose him, sent the following telegram yesterday to Col. William Jennings Bryan at his home in Lincoln, Neb.:

"Reported here Commander will come out for Shepard. Is that true? Have you, too, surrendered?"

"BRYAN DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE."

Up to a late hour last night the league had not received any reply from Col. Bryan.

## THE CAMPAIGN IN ROCHESTER.

Aldridge Making the Fight of His Life—Democrats Have a "Barrel."

ROCHESTER, Oct. 26.—A remarkable political campaign is in progress in this city, the outcome of which even the politicians whose hair has grown gray in the service of their party cannot see and will not even predict. It is conceded by the Republicans that George E. Warner, who was Democratic Mayor for two terms, is a very strong candidate. On the other hand, the Democrats understand that they have against them the united strength of the Aldridge machine, and that Mr. Aldridge is making the fight of his life for the control in this county.

A few months ago Mr. Aldridge accepted the post of general manager of the Citizens' Light and Power Company at a salary of \$10,000 a year. There were reasons why Mr. Aldridge would be a very valuable acquisition in this place. One of the largest contracts to be let by the Common Council the coming year is for the city lighting, and in years past this contract has been let to the Rochester Gas and Electric Company for something like \$250,000 a year. There was no reason for thinking that there would be any change in the letting of this contract until this year, when the Citizens' Light and Power Company was reorganized under control of the Brady syndicate and Mr. Aldridge was chosen as manager. Then it was openly given out that the Citizens' Light and Power Company was going out to capture the lighting contract.

Harvey McGraw, who presided at the Republican city convention two years ago, when an entire city slate was shovelled through on one ballot, is President of the Citizens' Company.

The Rochester Gas and Electric Company has among its advisers many men prominent in politics. The Hon. Frederick Cook, President of the company, was Secretary of State under Gov. David B. Hill and he has a long head for political matters. He was chosen President of the company at the death of J. Lee Judson, the former President of the Rochester Gas and Electric Company will not let this contract go by default and they are prepared to fight stubbornly. Mr. Aldridge, accordingly, threatened to throw every one out of the house. He has a strong candidate to oppose Adolph J. Rodenbeck, the Republican nominee for Mayor. It is assumed that the Rochester Gas and Electric Company will contribute for campaign purposes to the Democratic "barrel," which is already bulging with the light of his hands in addition to the further complication of the fight over the school board.

The present school board was nominated by Mr. Aldridge's installation two years ago. This year Mr. Aldridge insisted that the board, which has made a good record, should be re-nominated. Some of his lieutenants, men who have supported him through his political campaigns, came out openly in opposition to this policy, and urged him to nominate a new board. In going against them Mr. Aldridge has made a great deal of money, but it is pointed out that he made friends in another quarter.

This gain in strength is accounted for by the very large shift in Rochester. There is a Good Government Club in the last stages of decay, the President of which is Joseph T. Alling, a man who has other members who take a great interest in politics, among them the Rev. Clarence A. Barber, pastor of the Lake Avenue Baptist church. These men, very recently, have adopted that policy several of the Good Government leaders have come out openly for Mr. Aldridge. The club has been devoted to the discussion of the merits of the present school board, and the campaign to elect a new board. The club has been advised of the Hon. George Raines, who was under Croker's order of the last Democratic State Convention, nominated a Democratic school board.

One of the important elements to be considered in connection with this campaign is the Hill faction of the Democratic party, which on some occasions has stood with Mr. Aldridge. It is questionable whether they will take a great interest in this year. They are personally disgruntled with the nomination of Mr. Warner, but on the other hand one of their number, Mr. Charles B. Erie, received a nomination on the Warner ticket for Police Justice and he has declared his fealty to the Hill faction. It will be an element of strength for Warner.

Summed up, the Republicans seem to have the best of the situation, and they say that they will win. The Democrats believe that they will win, but they say that they will be very much to the advantage of Mr. Aldridge. This "something" may be a truce with the O'Grady faction of the Hill party, or it may be a cooperation for the success of the ticket.

## The Weather.

There was a storm passing eastward yesterday over the upper Lake region attended by high winds. The trough of cloudy and showery conditions extended southwest from Michigan over Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri to Arkansas. A second area of low pressure covered the Pacific States, where the weather was cloudy and rainy.

High pressure held over the Atlantic States and west of the Mississippi to the mountains. It was cooler and below freezing point in northern New York and northern New England, with frost in most districts. It was also below freezing in North Carolina and Maine. It was warmer in the Central States and the Lake regions.

In this city the day was fair and slightly warmer; average humidity, 58 per cent. wind southerly, moderate, veering to read at sea level, at 3 A. M., 30.2; at 3 P. M., 30.2.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, fair to-day and to-morrow; cooler to-day; breeze and light rain to-day; fresh southerly to-night or to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow; cooler to-day; breeze and light rain to-day; fresh southerly to-night or to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For western New York, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For western Maryland, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For Ohio, partly cloudy to-day; probably showers along the lake; cooler to-day; fresh southerly to-night or to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For Pennsylvania, fair to-day and to-morrow; cooler to-day; breeze and light rain to-day; fresh southerly to-night or to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For New Jersey, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For Delaware, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For Maryland, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For Virginia, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

For North Carolina, fair and warmer to-day, fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northerly, winds.

## G. P. GILMAN'S PECULIARITIES.

ECCENTRICITIES OF THE LATE TEA MERCHANT MADE KNOWN.

He Insisted on Having a Dentist Care for the Teeth of His Guests—Wouldn't Have a Physician Near Him Until He Became Too Feeble to Prevent It.

BAIDEPONT, Conn., Oct. 26.—The eccentricities of George Francis Gilman, the late tea merchant of Black Rock, whose estate is now involved in legal entanglement, were made public here to-day at the first hearing before the commissioners in insolvency upon the claims against the estate. According to the testimony of Dr. Fones, a dentist, Mr. Gilman had insisted that the guests at his mansion should have their teeth kept in proper condition. He engaged Dr. Fones to treat those of the Misses Nettie and Katherine Kupfer, Raymond Langdon and a Miss Kilbourne. Dr. Fones testified that he did a large amount of work for Mr. Gilman's guests, which were always charged to his account and paid promptly. At the time of Mr. Gilman's death Dr. Fones had a balance on his books against him of \$317.

Dr. C. C. Godfrey, who attended Mr. Gilman during his last illness, submitted a claim of \$597 for services rendered during the week preceding Mr. Gilman's death. In his testimony in explaining the bill he said:

"Mr. Gilman, as a patient, was very undesirable; in fact one of the most undesirable patients I have attended. To begin with, he had an aversion to death in any form and would allow nothing in his presence which would in any way suggest it. He would permit no allusion to it to be made in his hearing. He would not have a doctor in his house, and strictly forbade anyone to utter the word doctor where he could hear it. He had therefore to be treated from a distance, a thing which entailed much trouble and consumed much time."

Taking care of Mr. Gilman was at best a very bad task. When I was first called he was wild. He was out of his head and would not let me go. I attended him all one day and the following night. I was up with him. I attended him all the second night. That night he became wildly delirious. He threw things about the room, broke his furniture, threw the mattress off his bed and the bedding about the room and attacked his attendants. He threatened to have every body put out of the house. I had an extremely bad time of it and I do not want any more at the same price."

As Mr. Gilman would not have a doctor near him I had great difficulty in determining exactly what the matter was with him. I was called on Feb. 24 by Mrs. Hall, now Miss Helen Potts of New York. The patient was mildly delirious on the first day. He was better the second day, but the second night was when he got so wildly delirious. On examination, secured through considerable difficulty, I determined that the patient was suffering from acute nephritis. I could not go near the patient, and he would not let me touch him. Even the attendant could not touch him. I did not feel his pulse for two or three days or until he got too weak to help himself. While he remained strong he would not have anybody touch him.

"He had a great aversion to death. He would not have a clock in his house, for it would remind him of the passing of time, and he would not have a looking glass in his residence for fear he would see his face in it and see that he was going to die. The patient required the expenditure of a great deal of nervous force if anything was to be accomplished with him. It took all I had to manage him in any degree."

"I was the sole physician attending Mr. Gilman. I received orders from Dr. J. J. Janeway of New York, but Mr. Gilman seemed to be a little better and he was not sent for. He was apparently improving and had risen from his bed to go into another room for something when he dropped over dead."

## CHINESE PLAYING VICTORS.

Court's Return Being Made to Appear a Triumphant Journey.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 26.—The steamer Olympia, which reached port to-day from the Orient, brings advices of the return of the Chinese court toward Peking. The court left Hankow on Oct. 6. The Emperor went out in the forenoon and was followed in the afternoon by the Empress Dowager, the Prince Imperial and the ministers of state. The Imperial party is travelling in great state and large sums of money are being spent. The journey is being made to appear more like a triumphal reentry into the capital than otherwise, and edicts are distributed to lead the Chinese to believe that instead of being conquerors the Manchus have been conquered and are being driven from the Middle Kingdom.

Coincident with the return of the Court arrangements are being made by the Empress Dowager and the reactionaries among her advisers to ascertain China's war footing, for what reason remains to be seen. A Nankin dispatch, which the North China Daily News says is reliable, calls the good authorities say that secret orders were recently received by the military authorities of the city from the Grand Council through the Board of War, in which the military authorities in all the provinces of the empire are commanded to send to the Court with all speed a detailed report of the exact number of battalions under them. The troops belong to each, the number of modern fire arms of the latest patterns, field and siege artillery, guns of position, quick firing or otherwise, and machine guns attached to each corps, and the number of troops at ten or, at the most, fifteen days' notice. Detailed lists are called for from the commissions in chief of divisions, bureaus and provinces concerned, commanding them to give "the true and exact" number of guns and ammunition, modern or otherwise, at present held in reserve in the ordnance go-downs.

"Truth, and nothing but the truth," is this time strictly required in the reports asked for. For the accuracy of such reports will depend success where the least mistake may mean the ruin of a grand enterprise."

What this "enterprise" is must be left to conjecture. In obedience to these instructions from the court there has been considerable activity among military authorities, although the work is being done secretly. Late accounts from various sources, says the Shanghai paper, tell of discoveries of deficits of large quantities of arms and ammunition, especially the latter, in the ordnance go-downs, and a strict investigation will be made.

There is more trouble in southern China. Reports are published in the Chinese papers in Canton of outrages at Hin Meng, where a German church has been burned and the missionaries narrowly escaped with their lives. They fled and made their way to Canton after many adventures, some of them having been hidden in a drain for two days without food.

The triad rebels afterwards attacked the town and there was a fight in the streets between the triads and the townspeople, in which the rebels were victorious and a hundred of the inhabitants were killed. Word of the capture of the city, which was partially burned by the rebels, was carried to Gen. Wu, who despatched a force of imperial troops to meet the rebels. Two forces advanced on the triads as they were massing after leaving Hin Meng and they were defeated. Over 200 were killed and the others put to flight. A large number were captured, and there was a wholesale execution a few days after the defeat of the rebels, 150 being publicly decapitated.

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